



By the Kings Most Excellent
M A J E S T Y
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DECLARATION to all His Maiesties Loving Subiects
in His Kingdoms of **ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, and**
IRELAND, &c.

FOrasmuch as we have lately received an Overture, in the name of some thousands of Our Loving Subjects in our Kingdoms of *England, Scotland, Ireland, and Our Dominion of Wales, &c.* wherein is expressed the late cruel, Tyrannical and perfidious practises and proceedings of a pack'd piece of a Parliament or Junctio, who have assumed a Power to themselves far beyond what ever hath been acted or done by any of Our Predecessors, contrary to Law, Reason and the just Rights and Priviledges of all Our good Subjects.

We do therefore Declare, that We shall according to our late Proclamation endeavour so far as in Us lyes, to make good Our Promise in every particular. To which end and purpose, We have already provided shipping, and embarked a considerable part of Our Army to be landed at one of the places therein mentioned; resolving with Our Self to appear in Our own Royall Person at the head of those Forces, for the better encouragement of all Our good Subjects. All which might have been performed long since, had not the siege of *Dunkirk* put a demur to Our proceedings therein, it being a place very considerable and of great concernment as to the management of Our so weighty undertakings; Our chief ends being, to restore Religion in its purity, the Lawes to their Channel, the Nobility and Gentry to their Estates, and all Our loving Subjects to their Ancient Liberties; In effecting whereof, if not assisted by you, we do verily believe salvation will come some other way, and we shall by Divine providence be restored to Our Royal and Legal Prerogatives; Yet we doubt not in the least but that many of Our good Subjects will so far provide towards Our assistance, as to unite their heart in a joynt and hearty consent to so publick a good as concerns not only Our Self, but them and their Posterities for ever.

In the meantime, (to prevent effusion of blood) If Propositions of Peace shall be propounded by those at *Westminster*, Our ears shall be alwaies open unto them, and not only ready to receive them, but even to seek and solicit for them, when ever We can probably judge that they are a Full and Free Parliament, and will not reject Our Overture, which with all possible expedition will come to their Hands.

And We are so far from denying to answer any Propositions of Peace sent by them, that we will and do promise, upon the word of a King, that if a Treaty may be procured, We will use no Hostile means, or other way which may be a hinderance therunto; the Sum of Our demands being. The glory of God, in the maintenance of the true reformed Protestant Religion, the just and inseparable right of the Crown, the just power and Priviledges of Parliament, and the lawful Rights of all Our Good Subjects: and all these under no ambiguous termes, whereby the contrary party have formerly deluded and mislead so many of Our Loving Subjects, pretending that they have all along fought for the same.

Notwithstanding if no Treaty can be procured, we shall hazard Our Self to defend and maintain these our so just and Legal demands, and for those who are obstinate, and refuse to joyn with Us in the prosecution of these Our just intentions, We do Declare them unworthy of Our assistance. Nevertheless we know and do assure our selves, that few or none of Our good Subjects are ignorant of the heavy Taxes that have been imposed upon them since our exilement, upon pain of plundering their goods, and imprisonment of their persons, taking from them a fifth part of their yearly Revenue, besides Contribution; plundering almost all men of quality in every County, to the undoing of many of Our good Subjects; And after these sufferings what an Excise hath been set upon the Bread and Meat they eat, and which is far worse how our Churches have been abused and made Stables, robbing and defacing them, abolishing the true Protestant Religion, and instead thereof introduced so many Religions as men shall fancy to themselves.

We are likewise confident, That many of Our Good Subjects are sensible of the happy Government they and their Ancestors have enjoyed under many godly and pious Kings and Queens; Therefore we will and require all Our Loving Subjects seriously to consider how ever probable they can expect such dayes again, except they joyn with Our Self and Our Forces, to advance Our Throue and Regal Dignity. Which will be the only means to make up the Breaches in Our poor Maffacred and divided Kingdoms, procure a happy Union betwixt Our Good Subjects, prevent all future distractions, and we may obtaine honour from all Christian Princes, that Religion, Justice, Loyalty and a Free Trade may flourish throughout Our Dominions.

Signed by Our Self at Our Court at Brussels February 13. 1659.

God save the King.